



Spring 2013 Season



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Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

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### The Mission of Our Program

Since April 2011, The Miracle League of Alexandria (MLA) has provided *any youth or adult with mental and/or physical challenges or those looking for an alternative to highly competitive sports programs* who reside in the City of Alexandria or non-residents within the Washington metropolitan area. MLA provides a non-competitive environment where children and adults can go at their own pace. Our aim is to help develop the participant's self-esteem by allowing them to play without the pressure of being "good enough". Our hope is that the participants can learn new skills, get some exercise, make friends and have fun.

### Structure of Miracle League

Our mission is to provide children between the ages of 6 -17 and young adults 18 years & up access to sports programs for kids of all abilities and levels.

**Miracle League 1** - for participants with moderate to severe disabilities.

**Miracle League 2** - for participants wanting a "less intense, less competitive and more relaxed" atmosphere where they can be successful and enjoy the game just for its own sake without the pressure of the competitive and more intense league play like Little League.

### What is an "Angels in the Outfield Buddy"?

Miracle League players play with an "Angel in the Outfield Buddy" who's role is to assist the player offensive or defensively, as little or as much as each player is requires. **Due to the unique and special needs of some players, we are asking families to help select their own Buddy.** The league will assist in finding a buddy on game days from a list of people who have expressed an interest in being a buddy. **We are no longer able to take on the responsibility of providing staffing, but are very happy to help in finding assistance.**

### Volunteer "Angels In The Outfield Buddies" and Coaches Needed

We are looking for Miracle League Buddies who range from middle school age to senior citizens. Volunteers can include family members, and local youth and civic groups. All Buddies and Coaches must complete a volunteer application and background check form.

### Registration Deadline and Program Fee

**The registration deadline is April 20, 2013. The fee is \$60.00 per person. (\$30.00 for ADRPCA Therapeutic Recreation registered participants).** **Age of participants as of April 30, 2013.** Each player will receive an official Major League Baseball replica shirt and hat to play in the league.

**Fee assistance is available upon request.**

### How Do I Sign My Child Up?

You have the option to register on line at the Recreation Department's web site, by mail or by bringing in the registration form in with payment to the Sports Office, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Registrations may be found at all neighborhood Recreation Centers, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the Recreation Department Sports Office. Payment is made by check or money order to the City of Alexandria.

### The Season

The season will run ***six weeks on Saturdays , April 27 through June 1, 2013.*** Games will be held at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street starting at 12:00 noon and will run 1 hour and 30 minutes for each game. On inclement weather days, the games will be held at one of the neighborhood Recreation Centers.

**For more information, contact the Sports Office at 703.746.5402 or Mac Slover at [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov)**